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SUBJECT: MTN DEL INITIAL INPUT CABLE FOR UPCOMING
- STANDARDS MEETING

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, INFORMAL WORKING SESSIONS ON
THE DRAFT STANDARDS CODE ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE
THE WEEK OF MAY 22, WITH A POSSIBLE FULL SUBGROUP
MEETING THE WEEK OF MAY 29. GATT SECRETARIAT CHAIRMAN
OF THE SUBGROUP (WILLIAMS) ENVISAGES THAT THE MEETINGS
WILL TAKE TEN DAYS, THE INFORMAL SESSIONS LASTING
THE ENTIRE WEEK, WITH THE FULL SUBGROUP MEETING TAKING
PLACE THE FIRST HALF OF THE SECOND WEEK. TOPICS FOR
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THE INFORMAL MEETING INCLUDE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT,
SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, AND THE EC AND NORDIC PROPOSALS. IN ADDITION,
ITEMS ON THE INFORMAL DOCUMENT CIRCULATED BY WILLIAMS
ON THE "MAIN OUTSTANDING ISSUES" IN THE DRAFT STANDARDS
CODE COULD ALSO SUPPLY OTHER AGENDA ITEMS.

2. WHILE U.S. MTN DEL BELIEVES THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE CITED TOPICS ARE HIGHLY IMPORTANT, FOR THE UPCOMING MEETING WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS ON THE NORDIC PROPOSAL REGARDING CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS. IN ADDITION TO BEING A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL CONDENSING TEN SECTIONS OF THE CURRENT DRAFT CODE INTO FIVE SECTIONS, THE PROPOSAL HAS RESURRECTED THE LONG-DORMANT DISCUSSION ON CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF THE DRAFT STANDARDS CODE DOES NOT LANGUISH, WE SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO REACT TO THE NORDIC PROPOSAL AT THE UPCOMING MEETING.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER TO LAY THE BASIS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING, U.S. MTN DEL WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF THE USG POSITION PAPER COVERING THE NORDIC PROPOSAL AS WELL AS OTHER KEY TOPICS BY THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK OF MAY 15.

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